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NEW DEPOSITS OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has found new deposits of coal in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location wise; and

(c) the measures undertaken by the Government to commercially exploit the new deposits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): During the year 2006, the Inventory of Geological Resources of Coal in India, prepared by Geological Survey of India (GSI) has increased by 1871 Miilion Tonnes as indicated below:

Date of Estimation	Total Estimated Geological Resources of Coal in India (in Million Tonnes)
As on 1.1.2007	255, 172
As on 1.1.2006	253,301

Addition of Coat Resources during 2006 1,871
Apart from it, Geological Survey of India has identified a new coalfield (Ulia-Gamhardih area) to the east of Bisrampur coalfield in Surguja district of Chhatisgarh. The investigation is in preliminary stage.

(b): This increase in coal reserve has occurred due to estimation of additional resources of coal in blocks where exploration has been concluded in 2006. The details of new identified deposits (in 2006) state-wise and location-wise are given as below;

State	Coalfield	Additional Coal Resources (Mt)	Name of blocks
West Bengal	Raniganj	520	TransDamodar, Mohanpur + Some blocks explored by GSI
Jharkhand	West Bokaro	186	Padrangi
Jharkhand	North Karanpura	229	Dumri, Kerandari-A
Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	19	Jingurdah (Bottom Seam only)
Chhatisgarh	Hasdo - Arand	8	Blocks explored by GSI
Maharashtra	Wardha Valley	173	Pauni-IH Borda
Maharashtra	Kamptee	55	Saoner-IV, Saoner Phase-II Extn.
Maharashtra	Nand-Bander	366	North West of Nand
Andhra Pradesh	Godavari Valley	315	Siddavaram,
Total		1871	

The blocks explored by GSI & Singareni Collieries Companies Ltd (SCCL)
(c): The Mohanpur, Jhingurdah, Pauni-III, Borda, Saoner-IV, Saoner Phase-11 Extension blocks are Coal India Limited (CIL) blocks and will be exploited according to the systematic production programme of CIL. The Trans-Damodar, Dumri and Kerandari-A blocks are allotted as capitive blocks and will be exploited by the allottees whereas the Padrangi is a non-CIL block to be worked by future allocattee. The block explored by SCCL will be exploited by them. The regionally explored North West of Nand, Siddavararn and other coal blocks explored by Geological Survey of India need further detailed exploration after which commercial exploitation can be visualized/ascertained.